PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) TECHNOLOGY



The Rhode Island State Energy Office is helping to bring more affordable solar electric systems to Rhode Island citizens. By using photovoltaic (PV) technology, homeowners can produce their own electricity. Photovoltaic cells are devices that convert sunlight directly into electrical energy. PV systems are quiet, non-polluting, and maintenance free. The cost of a PV system ranges from about \$3,000 for a 250 watt system to about \$10,000 for a 1,000 watt system. Larger systems cost more in total but cost less per watt.

Through the RI Renewable Energy Fund, the RI State Energy Office provides a buy-down of \$5/watt of the installed cost of the PV system. Additionally, a renewable energy sales tax credit and a personal income tax credit are available from the state to residential customers who purchase qualifying renewable energy systems. For more information on renewable energy incentives, call the RI State Energy Office at (401)222-3370 or visit our web site www.riseo.ri.gov. For more information on installing a system, contact any of the vendors listed.

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